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FILING OF PATENT APPLICATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Docket No. ITW 8680.62

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Sir:

Herewith is the patent application of Applicant(s):

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FOR: Method and Apparatus for Welding With A Trigger Hold

This new application is a continuation of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/272558, filed October 15, 2002, entitled Method and Apparatus for Welding With A Trigger Hold, which is a continuation of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/654,012, filed September 1, 2000, entitled Method and Apparatus for Welding With A Trigger, issued as 6,476,355 on November 5, 2002, which is a continuation of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/283,523 filed April 1, 1999, entitled Method and Apparatus for Welding With A Trigger Hold, which issued as U.S. Patent 6,114,657 on September 5, 2000.

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Including a copy of the prior application as filed,  
consisting of:

Declaration

1 page Abstract

25 Pages of Specification and Claims

4 Sheet(s) of informal drawing

The undersigned hereby verifies that the foregoing papers are a true copy of what is shown in our records to be the above identified prior application, including the oath or declaration originally filed.

**Amendments:**

Please replace the cross-reference to related application section with the following:

This is a continuation of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/272558, filed October 15, 2002, entitled Method and Apparatus for Welding With A Trigger Hold, which is a continuation of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/654,012, filed September 1, 2000, entitled Method and Apparatus for Welding With A Trigger, issued as 6,476,355 on November 5, 2002, which is a continuation of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/283,523 filed April 1, 1999, entitled Method and Apparatus for Welding With A Trigger Hold, which issued as U.S. Patent 6,114,657 on September 5, 2000.

Please cancel claim(s) 1-45 of the application as filed prior to calculating the filing fee.

A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

**Assignment**

The prior application is assigned of record to Illinois Tool Works Inc..

**Copendency of Prior Application:**

The prior application is presently pending.

**Power of Attorney:**

The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to the undersigned and appears in the original papers in the prior application.

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED  
LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELED  
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Fee Calculation:

Basic Fee (770)	=	\$770.00
Total Claims	17 minus 20 = 0 x \$ 18.00 =	+\$ 0.00
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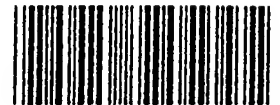
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